

RIO DE JANEIRO

The official language spoken in Rio de Janeiro is Portuguese. It is most commonly thought that the language of Rio is Spanish.

POPULATION

The population of Rio de Janeiro is over 6 million. Until 1960, it was the capital of Brazil.

The total population of Brazil is over 200 million. Brasilia is now the capital city of Brazil.

Traditional Foods

Barbecued meat – different types of meat are seasoned and cooked on skewers to perfection over charcoal.

Moqueca – fish stew made in a clay pot.

Brigaderios – sweet chocolate truffle balls.

Pao de Queijo – small bread rolls filled with cheese.

Feijoada – a hearty stew made of black beans, sausages and cuts of pork.

Pasteis – Deep fried dough parcels filled with cheese or different types of meat.

Bolinho de Chuva – little cinnamon doughnut balls.

RIO CARNIVAL AND COSTUMES

Every year, during the week leading up to Lent, Rio de Janeiro hosts an exciting and unique festival called Rio Carnival.

People from around the world attend Rio Carnival for its great Brazilian dancing, music and electrifying party atmosphere.

One of the most amazing sights during Rio Carnival is the parades. People wear a variety of handmade costumes and masks that are elaborate and brightly coloured. The carnival is all about dressing up and having fun!



Name _____

Date _____

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1. What is the name given to the doughnut like cinnamon balls you can eat in Rio de Janeiro?

2. Name one of the Brazilian dishes you would like to try.
Explain why.

3. Which city is the capital of Brazil?
Has it always been the capital?

4. What is the official language spoken in Rio de Janeiro?

5. Name three things that you might see at a Rio Carnival.

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1. Bolinho de Chuva.
2. Answers may vary but must include a dish from the traditional food list.
3. Brasilia.
No, before 1960 Rio de Janeiro was the capital of Brazil.
4. Portuguese.
5. Brazilian dancing, people playing music, lots of parties, parades, costumes, masks, people having fun.